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Vigil. BU students

▶ Students console each other during a vigil Saturday night at BU.

It has been an emotion-filled year at Boston University where the latest incident to impact the school’s community is the death of three students studying abroad. Commencement is less than a week away and there will likely be a reference to the most recent tragedy to rock the campus. Other incidents include the fatal shooting of a graduate student. {page 04}

Dog a double hero: Animal hospital gets $76K in gifts

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"I literally don't think anybody's vote was changed by this one way or the other."

U.S. REP. BARNEY FRANK SPEAKING YESTERDAY DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH ABC'S "THIS WEEK" ABOUT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPORTING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.

Today's local tweet

"This lady next to me at mbta in lowell sounds identical to mark wahlbergs sisters in the fighter looks like em too #trash"

@ERIK_K_SWANSON ON ENCOUNTERING A MOVIE-STAR LOOK-ALIKE DURING HIS MOTHER'S DAY TRAVELS.

STOUGHTON POLICE

▶ The suspect

Police seek man who exposed himself

STOUGHTON. Police in Stoughton are seeking help identifying a man who exposed himself inside a store earlier this month.

The man exposed himself to a young girl inside a Kohl's department store May 9, according to police.

Police recently released surveillance images of the man.

Anyone with information can call 781-344-2575. METRO

BU finalist for stylish campus

BOSTON. Boston University was named a finalist by an online magazine searching for the "Most Stylish Campus in America."

The contest by HerCampus.com allowed visitors to vote on the style profiles of more than 250 schools and their students.

Now a panel of judges will decide the winner.

The other finalists are the University of West Virginia, the University of Texas at Austin, Texas State University San Marcos and Florida State University. METRO

Train hits, kills Lynn man

SALEM. A 28-year-old Lynn man was struck and killed by a Commuter Rail train early yesterday morning as it traveled from Rockport, according to MBTA officials.

The man, who was not immediately identified by officials, allegedly trespassed on the tracks and was hit by the train in Salem around 7:40 a.m.

There were 75 passengers on the train at the time of the accident. They were put on buses and taken to their destination in Lynn, according to officials. METRO

'Hero dog' goes home to family

Pit bull that saved woman from getting hit by a train leaves hospital ◐ Donations pour in for her recovery

A pit bull, being called "the hero dog" for saving her owner's life, left a Hub animal hospital over the weekend to go home and recover.

Lilly, the 8-year-old dog who was struck by a train earlier this month after she frantically dragged her owner out of the way of the oncoming vehicle, was reconnected with her family Saturday following a leg amputation and serious surgery.

According to a spokesman from the Angell Animal Medical Center, Lilly will be living with Boston Police Officer David Lanteigne.

Lilly was originally a present given by Lanteigne to his mother for therapy purposes.

On May 3, Lanteigne's mother, Christine Spain, allegedly collapsed on train tracks in Shirley and Lilly pulled her off of the tracks at the last second as a train came barreling toward them.

Lilly was unable to get out of the way in time, but survived the accident.

She was rushed to the Angell Animal Medical Center where she had her leg amputated and underwent emergency surgery.

Lilly will require extensive physical therapy as she continues on her road to recovery, according to officials from the animal hospital.

The MSPCA has already named Lilly the 2012 Animal Hero Award winner — an award that is given out every October at the MSPCA's annual Hall of Fame Gala.

ANGELL ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER

▶ Lilly heads home with her family.

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Lilly spent 10 days at Angell Animal Medical Center in Jamaica Plain. She was taken to the hospital after the incident May 3 and was released by veterinarians Saturday.

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▶ Lilly

Animal's best friend

As of the weekend, people donated $76,000 to Lilly to help with her surgical expenses.

She will require extensive physical therapy following a leg amputation.

But the amount donated is more than enough to cover that process and Lilly's fellow injured animals will reap the benefits of the donations.

All of the additional money will be used to assist other cases needing financial help as well as to meet the medical needs of homeless animals in the MSPCA's shelters. METRO/SA

Unity. March

▶ Isaura Mendes, left, and Betsy Mack, right, take part in the 2012 Mother's Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester.

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On their day, mothers walk for peace

Hundreds of people marched through Dorchester yesterday as part of the annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. The walk, in its 16th year, was founded by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. The mothers — as well as fathers, siblings, other relatives and friends — of victims marched in a particularly violent year. So far this year there have been 16 homicides compared with eight at this time last year. METRO

Obama honors Woburn 'top cop'

WOBURN. A Woburn police officer was recognized during a White House ceremony Saturday for his courage.

Officer Mark Gibbons was one of the law enforcement agents honored as a winner of the National Association of Police Organizations "TOP COPS" award.

Gibbons stopped a jewelry store heist suspect last year after the suspect shot a fellow officer. Gibbons shot and wounded the suspect. METRO

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Man killed in motorcycle crash

WELLESLEY. A 25-year-old man was killed Friday night when he crashed the motorcycle he was riding.

Police said the man was riding along Route 9 about 8:30 p.m. when his motorcycle struck a concrete barrier on the side of the roadway.

Police did not release the man's identity.

A preliminary investigation determined the man was driving west on Route 9 between the Route 16 bridge and Wellesley Fire Department headquarters.

The motorcycle hit a concrete barrier on the right side of the road that divides Route 9 and an on-ramp.

Crash investigators are looking into the cause of the incident. METRO

COURTNEY SACCO/METRO

▶ Students grieve together during the vigil.

Latest tragedy takes toll on BU community

Commencement is less than a week away for Boston University and among the pomp and circumstance will undoubtedly be sadness and grieving.

Three students studying abroad in New Zealand were killed when the van they were riding in crashed Friday night Boston time. Five other students were injured.

University spokesman Colin Riley said it is "very likely" that the latest tragedy to impact the campus community will be referenced during Sunday's ceremony on Nickerson Field.

Scores of grieving students gathered on campus Saturday night to participate in a vigil. The students held candles and hugged one another.

"It is in times such as these, when we face inexplicable tragedy, that the depth of the bonds that we share as a community — the Boston University community — are both revealed and reinforced," Provost Jean Morrison said, according to BU Today.

Austin Brashears, Roch Jauberty and Daniela Lekhno were killed in the crash that took place about 7:30 a.m. Saturday New Zealand time.

The students were well known on campus as members of clubs or student leaders.

Counseling services were made available to students in Boston as well as students in the study abroad program.

Riley said a university-wide memorial service would be held in upcoming weeks or months after the students' families have their own services.

Tragic year

Several incidents of student death or injury and alleged criminal actions impacted BU's community this year, including:

- A 24-year-old BU graduate student originally from India and living in Allston was fatally shot last month. There have been no arrests in the murder of Kanagala Seshadri Rao.
- A January fire at a home in Allston seriously injured two students who jumped from their second-story window.

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Transportation committee pushes MBTA bill forward

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▶ Clear skies may be ahead for the T — at least this year.

The MBTA passed a major hurdle last week as the Joint Transportation Committee pushed a vote forward to help fund the transit agency.

The committee voted 12-0 in favor of a bill, originally drafted by Gov. Deval Patrick, that would essentially bail out the MBTA and provide millions of dollars to the T to close a looming fiscal 2013 budget deficit.

The bill, if passed, would also put ferries in the hands of Massport officials, alleviating the cost from the T.

However, the recommendations still have to be reviewed and passed by both the House and Senate, and signed by Patrick.

The funds are "one time" funds, meaning the T will be back in the hot seat next year to make up for the additional budget gap. METRO/SA

Applauding the legislature

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council praised the transportation committee for addressing the MBTA's fiscal 2013 budget deficit.

"The committee has recognized that a failure to act on behalf of the T would have resulted in additional, and likely severe, service cuts and fare increases," Marc Draisen, executive director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, said in a statement. METRO

No more hazmats on city streets

State transportation officials announced that vehicles carrying hazardous materials will no longer be able to pass through the city during the day unless they're on official business.

Mayor Thomas Menino lauded a decision issued by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to keep hazmat vehicles from traveling down Boston side streets between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

"We can now be assured that, for 14 hours each day, hazmat vehicles that do not belong in Boston won't be on our roadways."
MAYOR THOMAS MENINO

Menino said he has worked hard to ban trucks from using local streets as a cut-through between northern and southern points in the state because he believes that they are a potential threat to public safety. METRO

Duck. Parade

▶ Quack! March! Quack!

COURTNEY SACCO/METRO

Residents celebrated the annual "Duckling Day," which was hosted by the Friends of the Public Garden. Children were encouraged to dress up like characters from the book "Make Way for Ducklings," and participants retraced the steps of the characters from the children's book during a parade. METRO

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President Barack Obama tried to "bribe" radical pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright into silence during the 2008 campaign, according to a report given to the New York Post.

Based on the forthcoming book "The Amateur" by former journalist Edward Klein, the story claims that the fledgling Obama organization offered Wright $150,000 to keep his mouth shut at the height of the contentious 2008 campaign. "'I wish you wouldn't speak,' Wright quotes Obama as saying during a private meeting in Chicago. "It's gonna hurt the campaign if you do that."

Excerpted directly from Klein's book, the exchange gets even more damning:

"Barack said, 'I'm sorry you don't see it the way I do. Do you know what your problem is?' And I said, 'No, what's my problem?' And he said, 'You have to tell the truth.'"

The Klein account paints Obama as a liar, and Wright as an inveterate truth teller, but there's another person in this account who needn't always tell the truth, and that's Klein. The media have described Klein's work as "contrived and stretched," "devoid of credibility", "poorly thought, poorly sourced" and "too good to be true in every particular."

Nor is "The Amateur" Klein's first book about the historic president. His last, called "The Obama Identity: A Novel (Or Is It?)" [Editor's note: It is], details a conspiracy to prop up the president and claims that Obama: is a Muslim; was born in Kenya; was funded by our enemies; plans to add his face to Mount Rushmore.

Obama's handling of his former pastor always struck us as disingenuous in the name of political expedience, and this incident may yet be worth looking into. But there's reason to take Klein's reporting with more than just a grain of salt.

We've got something else to add to the laundry list of media Klein complaints: "Financially self-interested." Trying to sell books is certainly no crime, but selling fiction as fact definitely blurs the lines.

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▶ Former journalist Ed Klein (with help from Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pictured) paints a portrait of Obama as a calculating liar — and worse, one who ultimately believes the controversial teachings from which he nearly failed to distance himself in 2008.

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He said, we said

"Call me cynical, but I didn't think [President Barack Obama's] views on marriage could get any gayer."

REPUBLICAN SEN. RAND PAUL, SON OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE REP. RON PAUL, AT A FRIDAY MEETING OF THE FAITH AND FREEDOM COALITION, A CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE FUNDRAISING ORGANIZATION. HERE PAUL EQUATES THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL APPROVAL OF SAME-SEX EQUALITY WITH A HATEFUL SCHOOLYARD EPITHET, AS IF ONE MUST BE GAY IN ORDER TO STAND FOR EQUAL RIGHTS.

Secret GOP gay memo

NEW YORK. Bloomberg on Friday published a secret memo from a top Republican pollster on the rapidly changing environment over same-sex equality, urging Republicans to back off the issue, change tactics and move on.

The memo notes the "accelerated rate" of approval on equality, clarifying that this progress "is taking place among all partisan groups." Pollster Jan van Lohuizen encourages right-leaning legislators to adjust and soften their talking points as the tide of history turns.

Does somebody want to tell Sen. Paul?

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Graduation ceremonies going viral

With fewer students and family participating in commencement, some schools take the ceremony online Facebook vs. face to face: Which builds lasting connections?

DIGITAL VISION

▶ Should commencement be live-streamed?

Over the last five years, Florida International University has been attempting to draw more students and families into its commencement ceremonies via the Web. It began with a simple video stream of the main ceremony, overseen by a technical support staff of one: social media coordinator Betsy Soler.

But this year, Soler gave a battalion of IT and marketing students specific instructions to take FIU commencement viral.

Each interdepartmental ceremony was posted on YouStream, but Soler's team's main focus was creating as many free, professional-quality Facebook-, Flickr- and Twitter-ready images as possible. Every student had the opportunity to pose for as many photos as they wished, and all of the photos featured the FIU logo prominently. With nearly 4,300 students walking, the idea generated an enormous boost to FIU's Facebook presence.

"We liked the idea of having something that our graduates could connect back to us after they graduate."
BETSY SOLER

"I wanted to give the graduates something to take home. We offer paid photos, but we wanted to do something free and fun for everybody," says Soler. "Plus, we liked the idea of having something that our graduates could connect back to us after they graduate."

Washington and Jefferson College — a small liberal arts school just outside of Pittsburgh — has no intention of making its commencement ceremony more Web-friendly.

While schools around the country are pulling out all the stops to boost flagging commencement participation, W&J's 100 percent participation rate is holding strong, without going online. In 2012, all 320 graduating students donned the cap and gown. The reason is simple: At W&J, if you don't walk — live and in person — you don't graduate.

"We focus on relationships. We build it right from the beginning, so to be there in person is, to us, a very important part of that," says James M. Sloat, associate dean for assessment and new initiatives. "We're very intentional about how we bring people into the community, so it's so important to us that they continue that relationship with us right up to the moment they graduate."

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THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

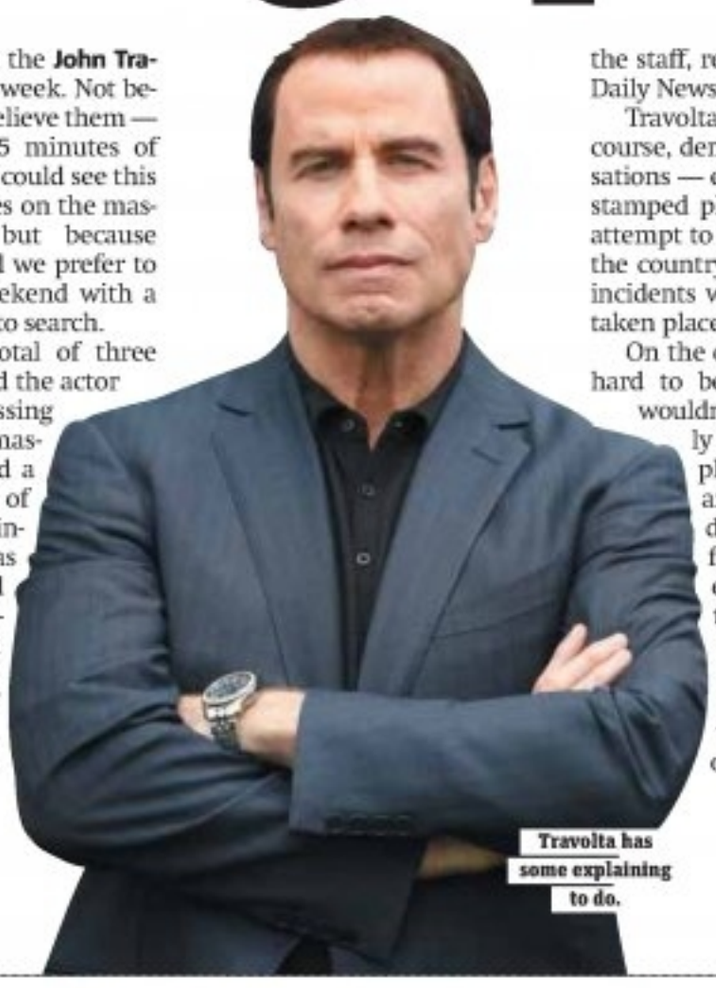
Travolta accusations piling up

We tried to avoid the **John Travolta** rumors last week. Not because we didn't believe them — if you've seen 15 minutes of "Wild Hogs," you could see this guy breaking rules on the massage table — but because they're gross, and we prefer to ease into the weekend with a **Johnny Depp** photo search.

But now, a total of three men have accused the actor of sexually harassing them during massage sessions, and a former employee of the swanky Peninsula Hotel has come forward claiming that Travolta was banned from the spa after a pattern of "inappropriate behavior" with the staff, reports the New York Daily News.

Travolta's lawyers are, of course, denying all of the accusations — even providing time-stamped photos to TMZ in an attempt to prove he was across the country when some of the incidents were alleged to have taken place.

On the one hand, we find it hard to believe that Travolta wouldn't quickly and quietly hand over the couple million these guys are asking for if he didn't have the perfect alibi. On the other, we read through the lawsuits, and you can't make up stuff this lonely and pathetic — trust us, we try every day over here.



Travolta has some explaining to do.

Did she earn the Uggs yet?

Rosie Pope, star of Bravo's "Pregnant in Heels," gave birth to a baby girl yesterday. "We are all doing well and so in love with her, as are her older brothers and our extended family," Pope tells Life & Style magazine.

Is it just us, or does the Mother's Day timing seem a little too perfect here? Call us cynical, but at least we didn't put a show called "Pregnant in Heels" on air.

Forgive us, Johnny Depp!

Johnny Depp has been showing up to red carpets solo lately, but he claims that's not because things are over with longtime girlfriend **Vanessa Paradis**. "The rumors are not true. They are absolutely not true," Depp tells the Sun. "No matter what I say about this, people believe the opposite. I can't say enough about it not being over. There's no truth anymore. It doesn't matter what I say to you right now, it doesn't make any difference."

Just what we needed on Monday — a nihilistic Captain Jack. This week just keeps getting darker.

Rosie Pope

Talking points

Brand's Twitter account moves on

Russell Brand finally got around to un-following soon-to-be ex-wife **Katy Perry** on Twitter last week, according to Us Weekly. Perry, for her part, un-followed Brand very soon after he filed for divorce in December, a little more than a year after they'd married. The move brings the number of people Brand follows on Twitter down to a modest 77 — despite his 4.6 million followers.

Sorry, world: Gosling still taken

When **Eva Mendes** showed up solo at last week's Met Gala, she sparked rumors that she'd split with boyfriend **Ryan Gosling**. But fans can rest easy, as the pair are still very much together, according to Hollyscoop. Mendes and Gosling were spotted grabbing coffee and baked goods — and walking hand in hand — around New York City recently.

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▶ Hough and Seacrest

Marriage on the mind for Seacrest

Ryan Seacrest faked out "American Idol" audiences last week with what looked like a proposal to girlfriend **Julianne Hough**, instead giving her a note to give to her "Rock of Ages" co-star **Tom Cruise**. But there was apparently some truth behind the gag, as Seacrest admits the pair has had marriage on the brain, according to Life & Style Weekly. "It's something we talk about," he says. When asked if it's something they consider doing soon, he adds: "We talk about that, too."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lady Gaga is finding new sources of inspiration, Mandy Moore is feeling a bit anxious, Dominic Monaghan has parenthood on the brain and Sarah Silverman wants a word with a former nerd.

@ladygaga: watched crime documentary last night: woman caught killing rich husband because she used her "reward" card at grocery to buy blood remover. I WANT TO BE HER. you'd think she had more problems than saving 50 cents and driving away in his white LEXUS.

@TheMandyMoore: Trying to remember to relax and take deep breaths today.

@DomsWildThings: Dear future child.ignore me for the most part.I am not an example setter.but we will play so good!!where ARE you right now??!!

@SarahKSilverman: Hey super loud motorcycle man. I don't know who hurt u when u were tiny but ur giving me a heart attack

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A weekend of the arts, culture and Kid Rock

1: This can't end well: **Ben Stiller** spent Saturday filming scenes for his new flick, "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," in New York City.

2: Nicki Minaj channeled her inner Bondage Barbie for a performance in Carson, Calif., on Saturday night.

3: Alec Baldwin received an honorary doctorate — and an ill-timed phone call — on Friday at the Manhattan School Of Music. (It was a joke — this time anyway.)

4: The verdict is in on **Johnny Depp**'s getup for the "Dark Shadows" press conference in Tokyo over the weekend: We're totally buying it.

5: Just in case you managed to forget it, **James Franco** is very intellectual. The actor was at the Museum of Contemporary Art in L.A. on Saturday for the opening of "Rebel," a multimedia exhibit he helped curate.

6: We're not so sure about the sneakers, but **Mariah Carey** and **Nick Cannon** looked lovely in love at the Project Canvas charity event Friday in New York City.

7: Kid Rock cleaned up a bit to perform with the The Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Saturday.

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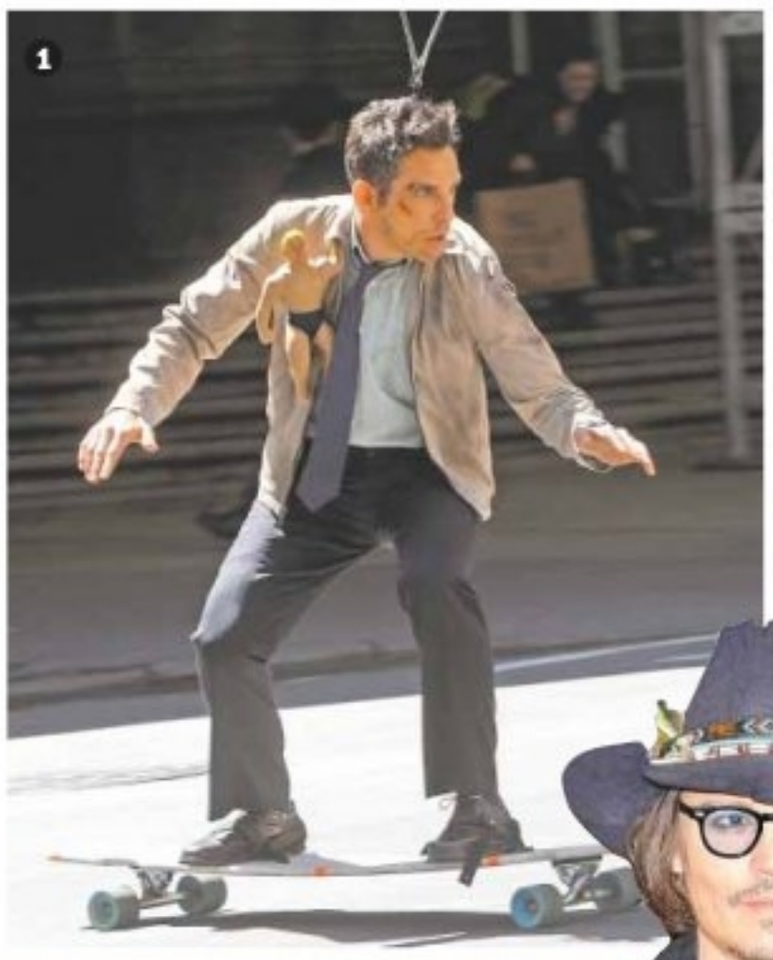

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Howard Stern is ready to judge America

As "Hail to the Chief" boomed over the loudspeakers, Howard Stern took the podium to entertain questions about his new role as a judge on "America's Got Talent," premiering tonight at 8 on NBC.

▶ **Why he took the job in the first place:** "I didn't need the money, I didn't need more fame. I just love the show, and I thought, 'Wow, how much fun to do it.' I thought it would be fun and I thought I might be good at it. Because I sit at home watching this thing, and I'm doing commentary to the wall. I sit there, I yell — I figure, well, I might as well get paid for it."

▶ **Why he's a good fit for the show:** "I know what's commercially viable. I started out in my career as a program director and I had to pick music. Imagine this: Some guy trusted me to pick the two records that we added every week in order to somehow predict what America, or at least my audience in that market, would want to hear. So it becomes an intuitive thing. You have to know what real talent is and honesty has to come through. This show is a shortcut; but if you're gonna get on the shortcut, you got a lot of hard work ahead of you. A lot of people think they have talent, a lot of people want to be handed a gift or an opportunity — it doesn't work that way. You've gotta work hard."

A Stern stance

▶ **Why he's fed up with today's reality show competitions:** "You could watch 'American Idol' [and] throw up. Listen, J.Lo ... if I sit there in a beautiful dress and just tell [the contestants] they're wonderful, they're not gonna get anywhere. It's my job as a judge to make sure that they get to the next level and be honest with them."

▶ **Why he won't lose his edge:** "I respect what 'America's Got Talent' is: It is a family show, it is a show that I love. I've been watching it for years. I don't want to come in there and do 'The Howard Stern Show.' I don't want to interrupt the flow of the show. I only want to make it better.

If I go in there and I'm trying to turn it into 'The Howard Stern Show,' it's not gonna work. People are gonna hate it. I would hate that. I don't think I'm losing my edge because I've always been about honesty — whether on the radio, whether I did a movie, whether I wrote a book — and on 'America's Got Talent' I'm being honest. And as long as you're honest, you don't lose your edge."

▶ **On his critics:** "You can't complain about a show until you see it. And so I invite [the critics] to view the show Monday night and see what kind of judge I am. This is a family show. It's a different form of entertainment. I know the rules."

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▶ Howard Stern is a judge on the new season of "America's Got Talent," premiering tonight at 8 on NBC.

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Running a food truck offers satisfaction, but not without hard work

Last year, author Jennifer Lewis surveyed 539 food truck owners across the country with a simple question: Are you happy that you're doing this? Ninety-seven percent said they wouldn't want to do anything else. But an almost equal number reported that the business is harder than they had expected.

Over the last decade, the mobile food business has exploded across the country. Many in the restaurant industry feel that the prolonged recession combined with a growing interest in gourmet foods has created a perfect petri dish for the meals-on-wheels fad.

"There were a lot of folks from culinary backgrounds that didn't have the capital to get into restaurants. You also had a lot of folks unemployed, without much hope of getting back into their former careers," explains Lewis, who wrote the 2011 book "Food On Wheels: The Complete Guide to Starting a Food Truck." "On the consumer side, people still wanted access to unique food — but [they] no longer wanted to do $25 for a plate of whatever."

But has the market become saturated? Perhaps in New York City, which now has more mobile food businesses than available permits. But restaurateur Alan Phillips — who recently authored "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Starting a Food Truck Business" — sees plenty of opportunity in almost any other U.S. city.

"For me, there's no bad restaurant spaces, there's just bad restaurateurs," he says. "Same with food trucks: If you know what you're doing, you're passionate about what you're doing and you can manage your costs, you should be successful."

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$25K-100K

Estimated seed money required to start a mobile food business. In Boston, permits cost $499 for a total of six permits, plus required GPS installation.

Get connected

The LinkedIn Mobile Food Industry Group currently has 249 members. The discussion board is chock-full of advice on licensing, regional laws and other start-up basics.

JASON FLORIO

▶ Ninety-seven percent of food truck owners report being happy on the job.

"The food needs to be simple and focused, because the biggest killer in the food truck business is labor. You're making small margins on a truck. You need to be moving volume."
ALAN PHILIPS, RESTAURATEUR

Why internships don't always lead to jobs

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▶ Don't fetch coffee — start your own business.

A new study by Millennial Branding and Experience, Inc. shows that only half of employers have hired an intern in the past six months. While 91 percent of employers think that students should participate in an internship before they graduate, the majority of companies surveyed haven't hired interns for full-time positions. This is what we're calling the employment gap, and it's one reason why half of recent graduates are jobless or underemployed. If employers are expecting recent graduates to have internships, then they should hire more of their interns. This is a huge dilemma for students who think that internships turn into jobs.

Advice

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Here's some advice on how they and other young professionals can prepare for the current job market:

▶ **Work on your soft skills.** Employers view good communication and a positive attitude as important attributes when hiring for entry-level positions. Jennifer Floren, founder and CEO of Experience, Inc., says that "employers understand that everything else can be taught, so they look for the most promising raw material to work with." Hard skills, such as knowledge of computer programs, can be easily learned. Soft skills take time to develop.

▶ **Don't rely on social networks.** Many students think that the best way to find a job is through social networks such as LinkedIn, but our research says differently. We found that only 16 percent of employers recruit via social networks all or most of the time. They mostly use job boards and employee referrals. My recommendation is to use all of your resources to your benefit; what works for one person might not work for the next.

▶ **Develop entrepreneurship ability.** Nearly one third of employers are looking for entrepreneurship experience when recruiting. Challenge yourself to start a business or a project that will show that you can think outside of the box. We all have to think like entrepreneurs, whether we start companies or not. I define entrepreneurship as "personal accountability": We have to drive our careers and not rely on anyone else to do it.

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Yoga pose of the week

Child's pose

It's arguably the most comforting of all yoga poses, one you can enter at any point in your practice. Here, Kristin McGee teaches you how to do it:

1 Recline back to your heels. Separate your knees about as wide as your hips.

2 Exhale and lay your torso down between your thighs. Lengthen your tailbone away from the back of the pelvis while you lift the base of your skull away from the back of your neck.

3 Lay your hands on the floor alongside your torso. Release the fronts of your shoulders toward the floor. Hold for 8-10 breaths.

Benefits:
- Stretches the ankles, hips and thighs
- Relieves back and neck pain

— Kristin McGee is a celebrity yoga & Pilates instructor whose fresh and unique approach to fitness has a loyal following of A-list celebrities, athletes and models. Check out her new app on iTunes, and visit her website at www.kristinmcgee.com.

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▶ Get clear about your intentions — a little outdoor soul-searching might help.

How to attract more of what you want

Zen in the city

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We are always manifesting. Each thought we have creates an energy flow within and around our physical being. This energy attracts its likeness. So if you're thinking, "I suck," then your energy kinda, well, sucks — and you attract sucky experiences.

The opposite occurs when you think high-level thoughts like, "I rock!" When you think and feel "I rock," you exude an energy of confidence and in turn attract great experiences into your life. Each thought you have informs your energy, and your energy manifests into your experiences. Your thoughts and energy create your reality.

Manifestation has become a buzzword lately. Though it's totally awesome that the Law of Attraction is now trendy, it also can be a bit misleading. If you truly want to use your energetic power to manifest greatness, you must follow these three steps.

Get clear

Clarity is king when it comes to manifesting your desires. You must have clear intentions for what you want to call in — otherwise, you can manifest a lot of what you don't want. Focus on what you desire, and then make a list of all that goes along with it.

Think it, feel it, believe it

Take your clear intention and spend time every day sitting in the feeling of what it is that you desire. You might access the feeling through meditation and visioning exercises, or call on the feeling when you're in nature or doing a form of exercise you love. The more you feel what you desire, the more you believe it is on the way.

Chill!

Though you are clear about what you want, you cannot control the timing or the form in which it comes. Stay calm, relax and allow your manifestation to occur naturally.

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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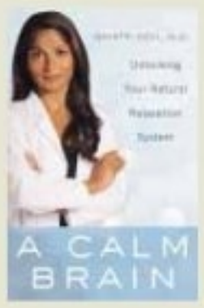
Wellness guides

Two new mental health helpers



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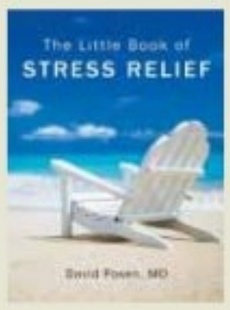

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Severe backlash on gay marriage rights

Last week's heated exchanges on same-sex marriage demonstrate that (a) freedom of speech is not dead yet, and (b) the anti-equality crowd is extraordinarily thin-skinned. David Bowman calls it "repulsive," unanimously gets called on it the next day, and we ended with crocodile tears about Christians "under siege" by gays or unrelated issues in the Middle East.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

At 60 years old, I thought that my kids and family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances and my maker would all find that I carry myself well, behave ethically with honor. But alas, all was for naught! I'm totally uncool! I find the LGBT agenda da perverted, the liberal left agenda dangerous to my country, little children and college grads. Church ideologies and our Christian faith are being trampled by the "99 percent." As a veteran of an elite combat unit, 1 percent was a badge of honor. Now it is a vile sign of success?? Where did I go wrong?
JOHN E. BEVAN, VIA E-MAIL

Does it affect your personal life in any way if two people you don't know get married? The issue is that some Christians try to dictate how others live their lives, even those who don't share their values. If someone else's religion said it was a sin to wear shoes, would you abide by it? No, because that's not your belief system. Live your life as your God teaches you, but please don't concern yourself with the "sins" of others.
ELIZABETH ERLANDSON, VIA E-MAIL

There is one major difference between gay marriage and Christianity. Christianity is legal in every state in the country, and faces no danger of being illegalized. Sure, Mr. Bowman is entitled to his opinion, but while gay men and women are fighting for the right to say "I do," men and women like him are fighting for the right to say "You can't." While I respect his right to express himself, I do not respect his desire to oppress the gay community.
COREY BALBUENA, CHARLESTOWN

Personally, homosexuality feels strange and disgusting. Yet, despite my heterosexual prejudice, and although various religions reserve the right to ban gay activity in their respective congregations, I also know that gay marriage should be civilly legal under a secular government such as ours: separation of church and state. Zealots, please do your homework concerning Democracy. "One nation under God" refers to the deist God of Thomas Jefferson and Sir Isaac Newton; not Jehovah or Brahma. Laws are therefore to be enacted through reason only.
DANTE G. CELIA, VIA E-MAIL

The only definition of marriage is between a man and a woman; anything else is an knock-off or impersonation of the real thing. Marriage is a religious ordinance that is granted by God, not a government.
JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL

I just can't believe how the media is supporting this gay marriage thing. It is unbelievable! And I am a black female who will not be voting for Obama. Obama has let us down: all Americans. As hard as it may be for me to push a Republican lever, I won't vote for a president who supports same-sex marriage.
NICOLE PEARSALL, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Regardless of all the restrictive conditions that seem to be surrounding you, from time to time you'll find a way to break loose and have a little fun.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** In your own special way, you'll have an air of authority that will enable you to take command of a situation at just the right time without shaking everybody up.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Each and every fact can be pertinent, so take ample time to carefully sift through all the available information before making a judgment call.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When you're required to make a financial or business commitment, proceed cautiously. If you believe you are in need of some answers, ask plenty of questions before moving forward.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You should take extra pains to be tolerant of those with whom you have dealings. Going the extra mile by showing kindness and understanding will greatly help you build stronger bonds.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you have a desire to make a big splash, stick to creative spheres. Projects where you can put your imagination to work should prove to be especially rewarding.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Because of your strong, natural desire to be helpful to everybody, friends who are already fond of you are likely to be even more enamored than usual.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Any project where you can put your keen imagination into play will prove to be especially rewarding. Focus as much as you can on artistic projects.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Don't be timid about tackling any kind of problem that might confront you. Once you put your mind to it and meet obstacles head-on, you'll find that nothing is too tough for you to handle.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You're not a person who is stingy with your possessions, but if there is something you'd rather not loan out, there is no reason why you shouldn't say no.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Certain leadership qualities you posses will be quite evident to others, if and when you choose to use them. Don't take a backseat when everyone is telling you that you're needed up front.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't let any restrictive conditions disturb your blithe spirit. You should be able to find all kinds of fun and exciting activities that will bring out the best in you. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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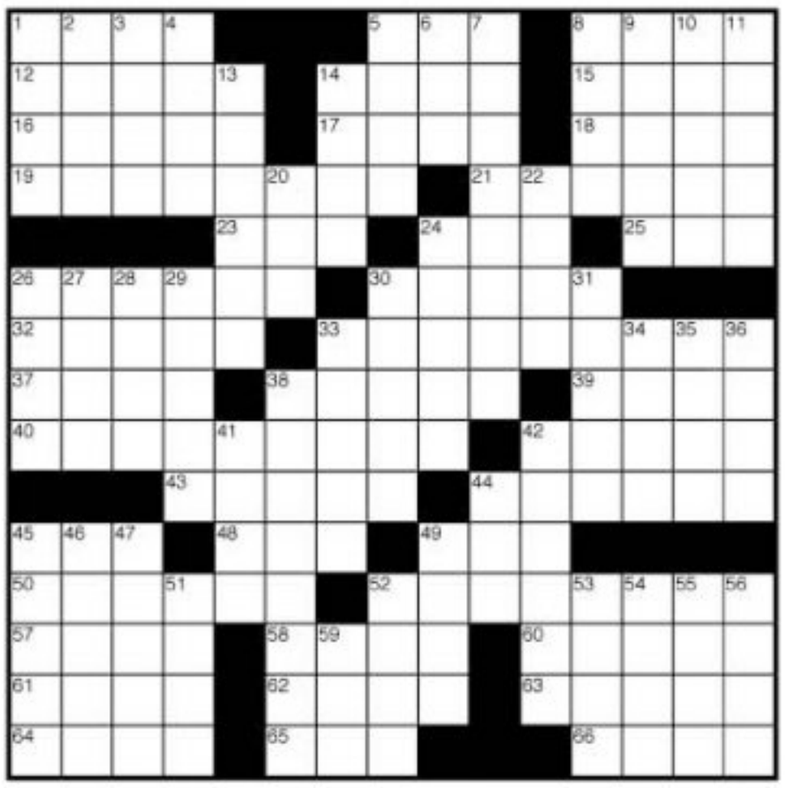

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What to watch ...

1 FRESH PAINT. Doug Collins said Kevin Garnett played one of the best games he's ever seen the 35-year-old play in Game 1. Garnett exploded for a season-high 29 points (11 rebounds) and controlled the paint.

2 ON HOLIDAY. The Sixers can't win with Jrue Holiday playing like he did Saturday night. The point guard was just 3-of-13 from the field and had no answer defensively for Boston maestro Rajon Rondo.

3 GOING SMALL. It was Boston's small lineup that fueled its fourth-quarter flurry in Game 1. The Sixers usually thrive when opponents go small, with Thad Young causing matchup problems.

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Game 2: Today, 7 p.m. Game 3: Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Boston leads series, 1-0)

Celtics with home protection plans

Celtics looked good late in Game 1 Slow starts beginning to become a theme for aging team Three games in five days to start the series

Quoted

"You know with Boston, that [Rajon] Rondo is going to have that bump. With us, it could be four different guys. We're a different team."

SIXERS COACH DOUG COLLINS

Experience. Growth. Closing out quarters.

Those were the things Doug Collins was preaching the day after his Sixers lost a tight Game 1 to the Celtics.

It was a game a veteran team thrives in. It was also a game that a young one learns from. The Sixers led by eight points with 9:17 to go in the fourth quarter, then watched Boston go on a 20-5 run.

"This Celtics team is a championship team," Collins said. "These guys are [Rajon] Rondo and [Kevin] Garnett and Ray Allen and Paul Pierce, this is the core of a team that has won championships, and a lot of games. And coming down the stretch, they were sharper — and we have to do better."

Collins spent some time in the film room with his team, going over that fourth-quarter lapse. Then, they took to the practice court. The biggest challenge for them is learning how to play under pressure.

"You can't get that in a film session," Collins said. "You got to get out here on the court, you got to feel the heat, you got to feel the fans, you're on an opposing court … you got the Celtics, you got the Sixers … all these things. It's [the experience] invaluable."

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▶ Paul Pierce was neutralized in Game 1 against Philly.

The Celtics, meanwhile, took yesterday off. Coach Doc Rivers is trying to keep his dinged-up squad as fresh as possible since the schedule-makers did him no favors. The Sixers and Celtics will play three games in five days.

"I couldn't have prescribed a worse solution for us, at least," Rivers said. "I don't know about Philly, but for us, I was very surprised by that."

Those old legs certainly didn't look it in Game 1. And the Sixers understand that age doesn't matter. To beat Boston, they need to play smarter.

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The storylines were already made for Hollywood with Kevin Durant vs. Kobe Bryant as the marquee attraction. But Harden vs. Metta is certainly a worthy undercard and World Peace made things that much more interesting over the weekend when he spoke about how he will NOT acknowledge Harden in Game 1 tonight (9:30 p.m., TNT).

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▶ Metta World Peace has no plans to apologize directly to James Harden.

"I don't shake substitutes' hands," World Peace said after the Lakers beat Denver, 96-87, in Game 7 of their first round tilt Saturday night. "I shake everybody's hand before the game, but Oklahoma City, they don't shake hands. Only some of them, but I don't think they really shake hands before the game. Kendrick Perkins and now (Russell) Westbrook don't shake hands either. (Westbrook) used to shake hands, but now he don't shake hands anymore."

World Peace believes that Perkins, dating back to his days as a Celtic, has influenced the Thunder when it comes to typical pregame courtesy.

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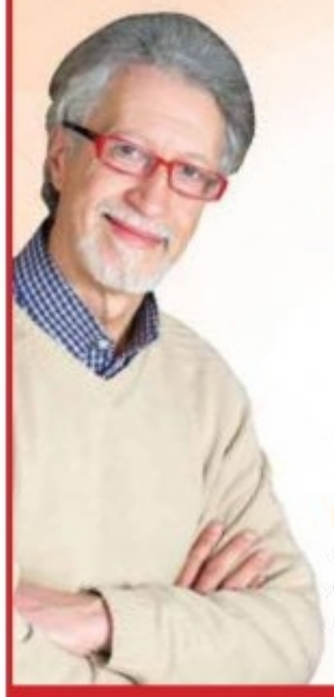

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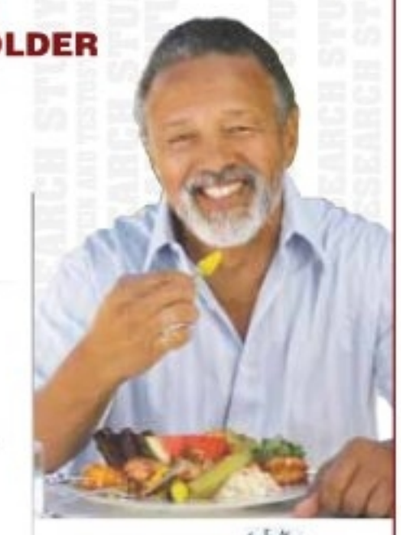

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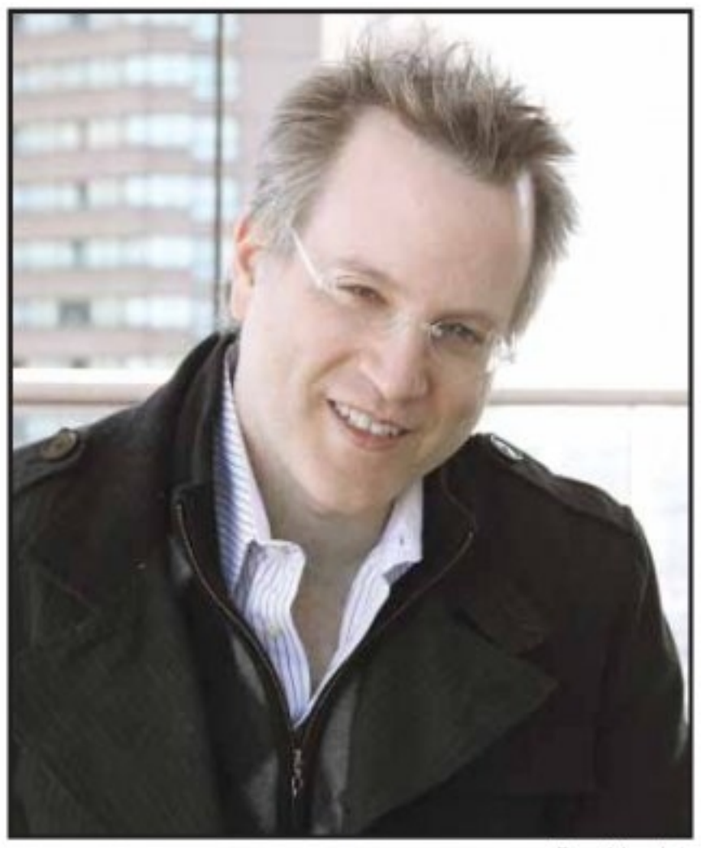

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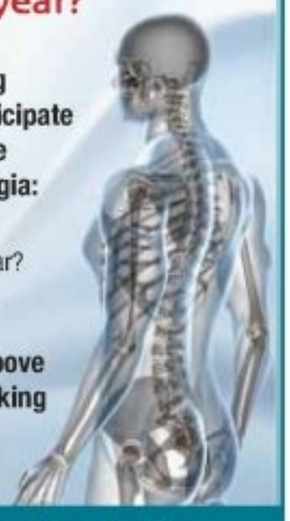

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Better pitching adds up to wins

The afternoon following Josh Beckett's meltdown Thursday at Fenway Park, Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine was asked what needs to be done to improve a rotation that was destroying the team's chances to be competitive most nights. Beckett's stinker gave the rotation a 6.06 ERA through 31 games.

Valentine was brief in his reply.

"Pitch better," he said. "The guys that we have designated as our starters have to go out and pitch better. I don't know any other way to express that."

Although the sample size since then is small, the starters have answered the call.

The trio of Clay Buchholz, Felix Doubront and Daniel Bard combined to post a 2.45 ERA in the next three games, each of them lasting at least six innings. It is no coincidence that the team won all three games, putting the "Golf-gate" melodrama in the rearview mirror and, perhaps, finally steering the club onto the right path.

▶ Daniel Bard allowed just one run yesterday.

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Now Jon Lester and Beckett, the two members of the staff that are expected to do this kind of stuff, get to take on soft-hitting Seattle at home today and tomorrow. Wins in those games and this mess of a team, at least by last week's standards, will be knocking on the door of .500, a mark they didn't reach until mid-May of last year as well.

With good starting pitching, the overworked bullpen gets a break. The hitters relax at the plate knowing they do not need to make up a big deficit. The defense stays in a rhythm. Stars get a few innings off late in laughers, such as yesterday's 12-1 rout of the Indians when Dustin Pedroia, David Ortiz and Adrian Gonzalez were given a breather in the final innings.

In that way, Valentine's response to the question as to how to fix the rotation could be applied to the team as a whole. If he needs any evidence to support his case, he need only point to Cleveland series. A horrible opening outing was followed by three solid starting pitching performances.

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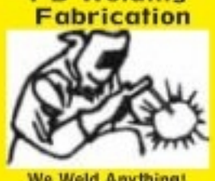

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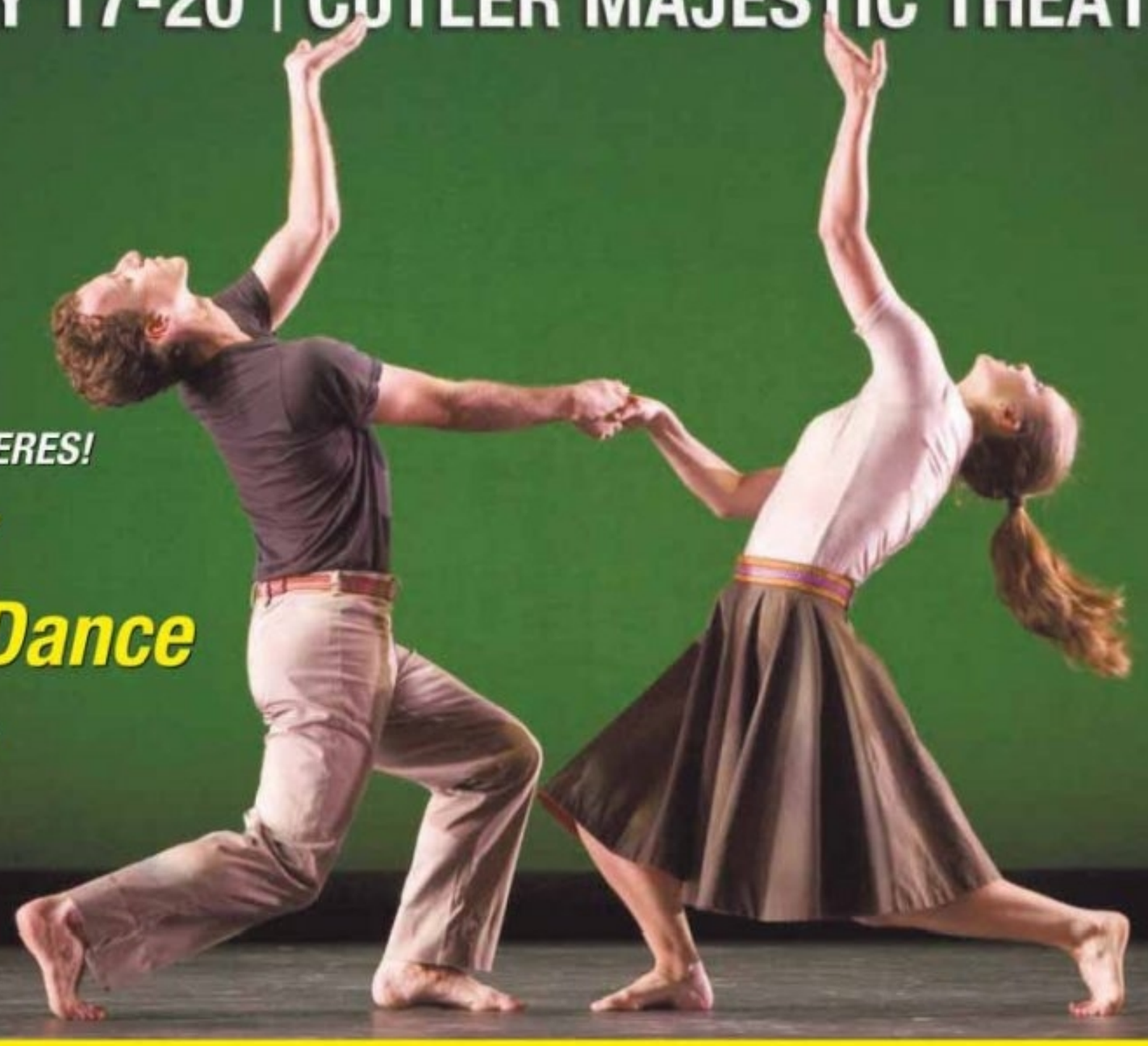

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